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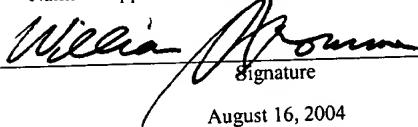
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004, wherein restriction

was required as follows:

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Group I claims 1-68 and 213-218, directed to "data verification by generating signature for encrypted and non-encrypted data;"
Group II claims 69-117 and 148-170, directed to "key distribution for data encryption/decryption, where key is distributed in advance and updated periodically;" and
Group III claims 118-147 and 171-212, directed to "information distribution system with usage right."

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group II claims 69-117 and 148-170 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file one or more divisional applications to re-present nonelected claims 1-68, 118-147 and 171-218.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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